



"For the first time in the history of Canada, the prime minister of Canada is running away from the Parliament."

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion



"What he's doing right now is trying to lock the door of Parliament so that the elected people cannot speak."

New Democrat Leader Jack Layton



"The Conservative leader has managed to do something quite extraordinary, which is to attract the criticism of all the leaders in Quebec."

Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe

House on hiatus

Harper asks rivals for input on economy as GG prorogues Parliament

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper appealed to his political rivals for economic advice to defuse their outrage over the Conservative leader's unprecedented shutdown of Parliament to avoid certain defeat.

After an 80-minute meeting yesterday at Rideau Hall, Governor General Michaëlle Jean granted Harper's request to prorogue Parliament, sparing him from a confidence vote on Monday — and defeat for his Conservatives.

The Conservative leader acknowledged the economic demands of his political critics and promised the "first order of business" when Parliament resumes on Jan. 26 would be a budget the following day.

But Harper's invitation to the opposition parties to work together on the economic file did not appease the three party leaders, who say they remain ready to replace his government with a Liberal-led coalition at the earliest opportunity.

The NDP and Bloc vowed to defeat the Conservatives, even if it means waiting a few more weeks.

"I cannot have confidence in the prime minister who would throw the locks on the door of this place know-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces that Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean approved his recommendation to prorogue Parliament at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday. Harper said he will deliver a budget the day after Parliament resumes, which will be on Jan. 26.

ing that he's about to lose a vote in the House of Commons. That's denying about as fundamental a right as one has in a democracy," NDP Leader Jack Layton said on Parliament Hill.

But cracks began to appear in the resolve of the Liberal party.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion condemned Harper's tactical move to avoid de-

feat, while at the same time he appeared willing to compromise if Harper acts on their budget demands.

"This is about replacing Stephen Harper unless he made a monumental change ... the challenge is monumental for him," Dion said. "Nothing in what Mr. Harper said today will change our mind."

Harper adopted a more

conciliatory tone than in the week since the crisis erupted over his government's economic statement.

Outside Rideau Hall, Harper called on the opposition to "engage with the government," citing Canadians' "frustration" at all political parties for their failure to work together on the economic crisis.

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Do you think the Gov. Gen. should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament?

Randall Smolinski
age 38, Ottawa

A: Absolutely, Canadians voted in September. We made a decision then and we should stick with that and not change anything.

Jason Contant
age 32, Toronto

A: I think so. It is a precedent setting thing ... because they would have brought a confidence motion ... that would bring down the government.

Kathy Vanderbilt
age 39, Calgary

A: I think it's good (she) stepped in and suspended parliament because the coalition wasn't the elected party.

Annemarie McCrie
age 32, Edmonton

A: I think taking a break is a good thing because things are moving too quickly. The coalition is just going way too far — they're pushing and pushing.

Dakshin Gunawardana
age 21, Vancouver

A: Yes I think so. We have already had the election. The opposition shouldn't just go in and take it by force.

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One hundred trees for military families

Deck the halls: The Nova Scotia chapter of the Canadian Christmas Tree Growers' Association is donating 100 trees to Halifax-area military families. They'll bring the trees to the Military Family Resource Centre on today at 10 a.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Memorial walk for murder victim

Today would have been Paula Gallant's 39th birthday. The teacher's body was found in her car's trunk Dec. 27, 2005, and her murder is still unsolved. Family and friends are having a memorial walk at the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Elementary School tonight at 6 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

Mevlin, Jr. shot — 4 arrested

CRIME Halifax Regional Police have arrested four people after Jimmy Melvin, Jr. was shot at a Cowie Hill apartment building yesterday.

Emergency crews were called to an apartment at 30 Ridgeway Rd. at 5:50 p.m., after a 26-year-old man was shot behind the apartment building. Officers were in the area when the shots were fired, and found the victim in an apartment at the front of the building. He'd been shot in the abdomen, said Emergency Health Services spokesman Paul Maynard.

Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said the victim — whose name he wouldn't confirm — didn't seem to have life-threatening injuries.

This is the latest round in what police believe is a drug war that began in mid-November. On Nov. 18, three days after Melvin, Jr. was released from prison, his father, Jimmy Melvin, Sr., narrowly avoided being shot in the parking lot of Jessy's Pizza on Herring Cove Road. Melvin, Sr. spent nearly 11 years in prison for drug trafficking and assaulting a peace officer, and was released in 2006.

Melvin, Jr. arrived at the scene that day and told reporters "there is no rats in the Melvin family."

On Nov. 19, someone shot Jason Hallett, one of Melvin, Jr.'s associates, in the wrist outside the IWK Health Centre.

A Capital Health District Authority spokesman said Melvin, Jr. was undergoing treatment at press time.

Carr said the suspects were arrested about an hour after the shooting.

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Video: Stephen Harper addresses the media after meeting with the Governor General at metronews.ca/canada

Video: Plenty of losers after a wild week in Ottawa at metronews.ca/canada



Premier vows to stay in black

MacDonald says he'll avoid deficit despite new projects

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Rodney MacDonald plans to invest in "one of the largest infrastructure programs Nova Scotia has ever seen," all while staying out of deficit.

At his state-of-the-province address yesterday, MacDonald laid out his ambitious spending plan — including three new P3 projects — but vowed to stay out of deficit this year and next.

Of course, something's got to give.

"We have a lot of difficult decisions to make," he said.

"That may mean deferring some things that we were planning on moving forward. Or it may mean taking a look with a very fine-toothed comb at each and every expenditure that we're making in every department."

MacDonald was shy on details yesterday, deferring to a planned economic update for Dec. 19. But he did name three P3 projects he's targeting — new correctional facilities in Antigonish and Cumberland counties, twinning Highway 104



Premier Rodney MacDonald speaks with reporters following his state-of-the-province address at the Cunard Centre yesterday.

"Until there's more detail on what those proposals are going to look like, there wasn't much meat on the announcement."

NDP Leader Darrel Dexter

from Sutherlands River to the Canso Causeway, and for the trunk mobile-radio system used by police, fire fighters and first responders.

Later in a media scrum,

MacDonald seemed to wiggle away from the commitments, saying they were dependent on funding from the federal government and were at his discretion.

He said the province

needs "flexible" national funding to tackle its infrastructure deficit.

Opposition leaders said MacDonald's announcements were too vague to know what to think of them.

"Until there's more detail on what those proposals are going to look like, there wasn't much meat on the announcement," said NDP Leader Darrell Dexter.

N.S. leaders split on federal shutdown

REACTION Premier Rodney MacDonald said proroguing the House of Commons will give stability. Opposition leaders said the exact opposite.

"It's the right decision. We need to see things calm down in Ottawa. We need stability," said MacDonald.

What's needed is some time for calmer heads to prevail."

MacDonald said MPs need to get back to work to help the provinces deal with the financial downturn.

But NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said, "Unfortunately, what this is going to do is maintain a sense of instability for the next month and a half or so."

"It's not going to be stabilizing at all."

"If anything what it's going to do is inflame the fault lines that exist in Canada already."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the parties now need to work together.

He said Harper needs to realize it is a minority government, but all party leaders need to put their egos aside and get along.

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The province's winter parking ban starts Dec. 15. If you live on a provincially maintained street, you can't park on the road between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

Winter parking ban in effect



Hundreds of people packed into the Halifax Forum Maritime Hall for a pro-coalition rally last night.

Harper blasted by coalition backers

Former Liberal candidate calls PM 'coward'

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If a photo of the prime minister were on a dartboard, it would have been full of holes last night.

Stephen Harper was not a popular figure at a pro-coalition rally in the Halifax Forum Maritime Hall.

"Our prime minister is running away from the people of Canada. He's taken the coward's way out and dodged a well-deserved bullet," said former Halifax Liberal candidate Catherine Meade.

"He's only given himself a brief reprieve because the coalition is not going away."

The crowd was incensed by Harper's small victory

of proroguing parliament until January.

"Today, he's proven that the only job in Canada that he's concerned with preserving is his own," Meade said.

She accused Harper of wasting two months by playing partisan games, then closing the doors on Parliament. His leadership style, she said, is why there's a crisis in Parliament.

Former NDP justice critic Peter Mancini said Harper "hid behind the skirts of the Governor General" instead of facing a non-confidence vote.

This current situation is Parliament responding to the new reality of several

popular parties.

"We don't have two parties anymore who toss the ball back and forth," he said. "Parliament has to respond to that will of the people."

He warned the crowd of the "well-funded public-relations" machine the Conservatives will rollout in the next month. He urged everyone to talk about parliamentary democracy to their friends and families over the holidays.

Paul O'Hara with the North End Community Clinic spoke out for the poor.

"We want and desperately need a change in the way our country is governed," he said. "We want the economic report to recognize fellow citizens who are worthy of a safe home and adequate food."

An anti-coalition rally is scheduled for Saturday in at Sackville Landing in Halifax.

180 out of work after leak shuts down paper mill

PICTOU A leak in the pipe that takes effluent from Abercrombie's Northern Pulp to Boat Harbour in Pictou County has shut down the paper mill, temporarily throwing roughly 180 employees out of work.

The province was notified immediately after the leak was discovered on Monday just under the

East River estuary. The provincial government directed that the pipe must be repaired before the mill can re-open.

A local inspector for the Environment Department is on site and working with the company to ensure the leak is repaired immediately.

News in brief

AWARD PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has recognized staff member Valerie Lotherington as the 2008 PwC Maritime volunteer of the year for her outstanding work with the IWK Health Centre Foundation. A cash donation of \$1,000 was made to the charity in honour of her achievements and dedication. Lotherington is an administrator in the Maritime office of PwC and sits on the steering committee for the IWK Health Centre Foundation.

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Got a hankering for some holiday crafts?

Check out the annual Christmas Festival of Trees and Crafts in Middle Musquodoboit. It starts tonight at 5 p.m. and runs till Sunday at 4 p.m. For directions on how to get there, visit www.gov.ns.ca/natr/extension/centre/pdf/MiddleMap.pdf. **METRO HALIFAX**



Pam Cooley, president of CarShareHFX, poses for a photo with one of the car-sharing company's vehicles Thursday. The company currently has a fleet of 10 vehicles located on the Halifax peninsula and in Dartmouth.

Share a car

KAMIA CREELMAN
for Metro Halifax

Instead of a car in every driveway, imagine shared cars in every neighbourhood.

That's the vision Pam Cooley, co-owner of CarShareHFX, has for her new business.

And she thinks people will happily trade the hassle of car ownership for the cheaper, greener option she's proposing.

"There's no worry about scratches, pumping gas, insurance," Cooley said yesterday, at her business' official launch.

"A graduate student can get groceries ... a young businessman can drive himself to meetings."

CarShareHFX bills itself as a green "complement" to Metro Transit.

It costs between \$200 and \$350 to join, depending on the package.

Members then pay hourly rates to use the cars, \$9 during the day and \$10 on evenings and weekends.

Car-sharing companies have been cropping up in larger Canadian cities like Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver since the early '90s.

CarShare HFX cars are parked onsite at one Gladstone Street apartment building, where tenants get a discount.

The cars are also available at other sites around Halifax.

For more information about CarShareHFX, go to <http://carsharehfx.ca>.

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- The Canadian Automobile Association estimates that it costs more than \$12,000 a year (32,000 km) to drive a compact car, and almost \$16,000 for a minivan.

Municipal governments co-operating on development

TRURO The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce is applauding the spirit of increased co-operation between municipal governments.

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Ted Jordan

between the Town of Truro and the County of Colchester that included terms for a new regional civic centre," president Ted Jordan said.

"That (memorandum) directly resulted in a \$10-million commitment from the

Nova Scotia government for the project."

The latest sign of co-operation came during a recent

transportation meeting attended by representatives of Truro, Colchester, Stewiacke, Millbrook and the Colch-

ester Regional Development Agency.

All parties agreed to work together on the Atlantic Gateway Initiative.

Jordan said the chamber has been pushing for the co-operation.

Black gold found in New Brunswick

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A junior oil and gas company headquartered on Spring Garden Road struck Texas T — oil that is — in New Brunswick.

Corridor Resources Inc. was exploring for natural gas near Sussex, N.B., when it struck oil.

"We were aware we could find oil, but there

was a better chance we'd find natural gas," said president Norman Miller.

He said the only other onshore find in the Maritimes is a low-producing well in Stony Creek south of Moncton. It was discovered in 1909.

Corridor struck oil in October, but didn't know what they had until it was cleaned up and tested.

"Well, we got the answer just recently," Miller said.

The well produced 59 barrels of oil per day, just naturally flowing.

The company recently shut down the well to install a pump that will increase production.

"It's a lighter oil," Miller said.

"It's deeper than the oil encountered in Stony Creek and a higher quality, so we're hopeful it will be quite sizeable."

The company plans long-

term testing later this month to determine the "economic potential" of the well. Miller said the well should be pumping early in the new year.

Corridor just finished a \$2.5-million 3D seismic survey in the area. The oil well discovery — named the Caledonia Field — is located on the southern flank of Elgin Subbasin, where Corridor was exploring.

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Cops seek witnesses in parking-lot hit-and-run

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Police are trying to piece together what happened to a woman who was killed in a Dartmouth parking lot.

She was walking through a parking lot on Primrose Street at about 9 p.m. Wednesday night when the cab of a tractor-trailer pulled out of parking spot.

It hit the woman then continued driving, turning onto Primrose Street. It then turned right onto Victoria Road.

Police said yesterday they're unsure if the driver of the tractor-trailer even knew that the woman was hit.

Witnesses describe it as a white tractor-trailer cab with chrome "moose bars," which is a protective grill, on the front.

Tips flooded in, but as of yesterday afternoon, police haven't found the truck involved.

The identity of the victim, a 35-year-old Dartmouth woman, was not released yesterday.

Police are asking for any witnesses or anyone with information who hasn't come forward to contact them at 490-5016.

Police also announced yesterday there are no charges coming in relation to another woman's death last month.

Jaclyn Hennessey, 27, was walking on Barrington Street and crossing Sackville Street on Nov. 17. A dump truck turning right onto Sackville Street from Barrington Street struck and killed her.

Yesterday, Halifax Regional Police said their investigation has wrapped up and they decided not to lay any charges.

Nova Scotia's special equalization arrangement still safe: Casey

POLITICS Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley Independent MP Bill Casey is breathing a sigh of relief after getting assurances that Nova Scotia's special equalization arrangement will not be impacted by either the throne speech or last week's economic statement that touched off the political firestorm in Ottawa.

"I've been working on that issue since the throne speech, and I can't believe they finally gave me the answer I was looking for," Casey said.

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MP Bill Casey

"It's the right answer and the correct answer for Nova Scotia."

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News in brief

CBC Who is Nova Scotia's biggest newsmaker? CBC Nova Scotia is looking for nominations. E-mail them to newsatixns@cbc.ca, or call 420-4499. The winner will be announced on CBC Radio's Information Morning on Dec. 24. CBC-TV anchor Jim Nunn's interview with that person will run on Boxing Day.

FILL UP This week, drivers have cashed in on the lowest pump prices since December 2004. But gas won't budge much more, experts say. The regulated price of gasoline may go down slightly today, but don't expect it to go lower than the 80 cents-per-litre range.

SOFTWARE Despite turmoil in world economies and shrinkage in the Canadian business climate, a local software firm, AG Research, says its business is growing.

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Housing market to drop 10 per cent

MARKET Looking for a house? It'll be a buyer's market in 2009, with 200 fewer houses expected to sell in Halifax-Dartmouth, according to the RE/MAX housing market outlook.

The company says worries about the economy and the stock market put a damper on the real-estate market in the second half of 2008. By the end of the year, it expects the number of home sales to drop by 10 per cent from 2007's record levels.

Still, the average price is expected to climb to \$233,000 when all the 2008 numbers are in.

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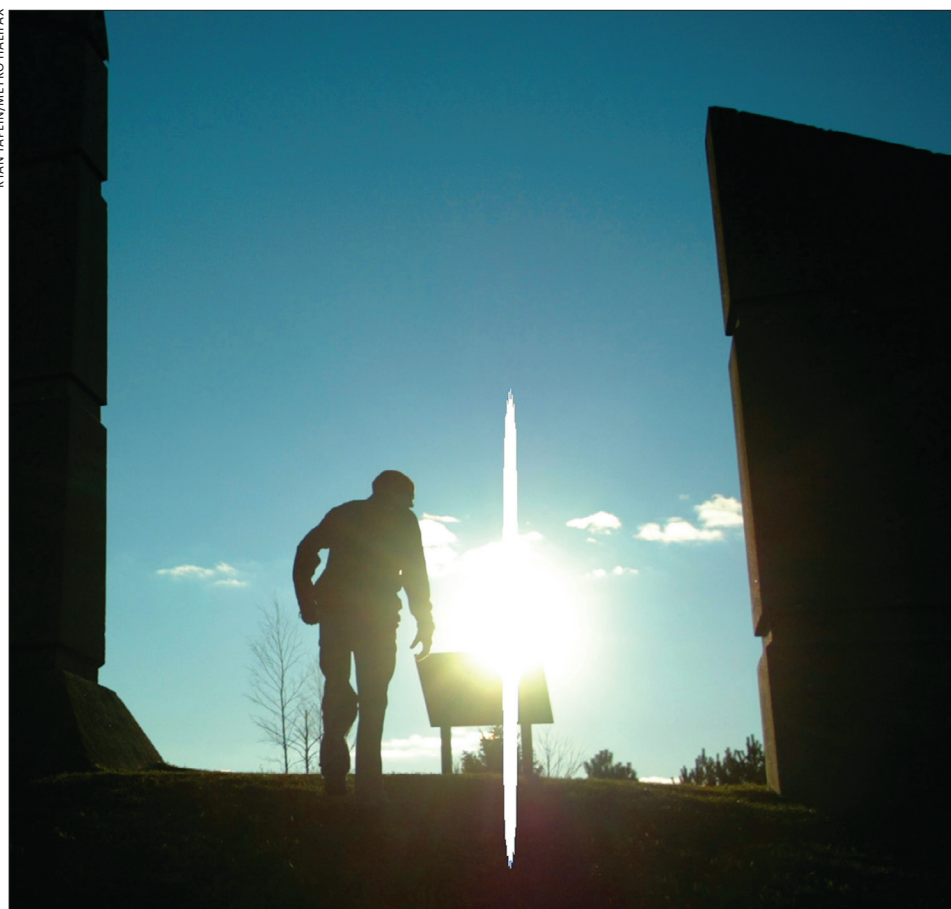
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Local historian Jim Simpson walks through the Halifax Explosion memorial at Fort Needham Memorial Park on Wednesday. Saturday marks the 91st anniversary of the explosion.

Remnants of historic explosion slip away

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Sites that survived the 1917 Halifax Explosion are making way for development, but there are unmarked remains you can see today, if you know where to look.

Metro got a guided tour this week from local historian Jim Simpson, who is concerned the city will eventually bury all remains of the disaster that struck 91 years ago Saturday.

The triangle of land between Veith Street and Devonshire Avenue is marked by lumpy squares. It's the foundations of three houses flattened by the blast, explains Simpson. Five members of the Stockall family were killed in the middle one.

"We were thinking of digging it up a couple of years ago, but then I thought no, because I don't want to dig somebody's grave up," Simpson said. Bodies were cremated in the fires that

"When I started in '93, I was finding everything. Now (with all the construction) they've destroyed almost everything."

Local historian
Jim Simpson

followed the blast and their ashes left in the ground.

Private houses at 3281 and 3252 Veith St. sit atop the foundations of homes destroyed in the explosion. Walking by today, you can still see the old stone. A tree that survived the explosion stood at Veith and Richmond, but was cut down within the last year to make way for a condo building.

The same development sits on the ruins of a foundry pre-dating 1917. A few years ago, Simpson uncovered a scorched foundry wall.

"The wall burned until April of 1918," Simpson

said, lamenting that he didn't take a piece of the wall for a museum.

Just down Richmond Street at the dry dock is the exact site of Pier 6, where the Mont Blanc blew up. There are no signs of that today, but some of the wood from the pier is stacked inside. There's no public access, though.

Hidden in the backyard of a private house on Roome Street and Dartmouth Avenue is a wall Simpson believes holds great historic interest. It's overgrown, but clearly visible.

"It's the old, original wall of the Richmond school," he said, lifting a heavy piece of concrete and stone. Two students died at the school and many more were killed on their way to classes.

"When I started in '93, I was finding everything," Simpson said. "Now (with all the construction) they've destroyed almost everything."

Jon Tatttrie is a journalist and novelist in Halifax. Black Snow, his novel of the Halifax Explosion, is being published by Pottersfield Press in April.

Provincial minister discussed fisheries in Ottawa

CHALLENGES Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Ron Chisholm met with federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea on Dec. 1 in Ottawa, to discuss the challenges facing the fishing industry in Nova Scotia, especially the lobster

fishery.

The meeting was held to discuss federal fisheries management plans and policies and to look at ways to work together to achieve sustainable management and economic success.

The two ministers talked about the current situation with the lobster industry. Recent downturns in the global economy have contributed to fewer sales of lobster and lower prices for the fishermen.

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An EKOS poll conducted for CBC this week found support for the Conservatives at 44 per cent, up from the 37.6 per cent the party received in the October federal election. The poll found the Liberals down two points at 24 per cent, and the NDP down almost four points at 14.5 per cent. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Don't bash Quebec: Charest

Quebec Liberal Leader Jean Charest, left, is urging Canadians not to let the political power struggle in Ottawa descend into Quebec-bashing. Charest condemned anti-separatist rhetoric aimed at Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, who has agreed to support a coalition of the Liberals and NDP. With more than 1.4 million voters supporting the party, the Bloc has earned its political legitimacy, Charest said.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

NDP intent on bringing down Harper's Tories

SUPPORT The New Democrats appear to be shutting the door to the possibility of supporting the government no matter what budgetary goodies the prime minister puts on the table next year. "If their budget does have

good elements in it, we'll be glad to incorporate those good elements into the first budget of the coalition," NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair said yesterday.

Mulcair said the partisan measures in the economic

statement showed Harper cannot be trusted and there is absolutely nothing he could do at this point that would stop the NDP from voting to defeat the Conservatives at the earliest opportunity.

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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, centre, smiles as New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton, left, shakes hands with Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe earlier this week in Ottawa.

Grits soldier on

Worried about Stéphane Dion's leadership and skeptical of Stephen Harper's new-found spirit of co-operation, the Liberals sought yesterday to chart their next moves in the wake of the temporary suspension of Parliament.

The future of the Liberal-New Democrat coalition that nearly toppled the Conservative minority appeared up in the air after Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean agreed with Harper's request to send MPs home until Jan. 26.

Liberals were reeling from Dion's inept perform-

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ance in his nationally televised response to Harper on Wednesday night and nervous about the storm of anti-coalition reaction the Conservatives were able to whip up across the country in only a few days.

But, despite some dissent, the party insisted the majority of the 77-member caucus is standing solidly behind the coalition with the NDP.

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Harper attacks on Quebec worst since Meech Lake, Duceppe says

BQ Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe reacted angrily to the parliamentary shutdown and accused the government of fuelling the worst rhetoric against Quebecers since the constitutional debates of the early 1990s.

"(Stephen Harper) asked his supporters to engage in the worst attacks against Quebecers since Meech Lake," Duceppe said after Parliament was prorogued.

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Emotions run high in the West

The only non-Conservative among Alberta's 28 MPs is preparing to do a lot of talking in the next few weeks.

"The sweater vest is off, the flak jacket is on," said Linda Duncan, the NDP member who took Edmonton-Strathcona on Oct. 14. Duncan has received hundreds of emails over the last week or so, many of them negative.

Many in Alberta and the rest of the West have expressed anger over the coalition put together by the Liberals and the NDP,

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with the backing of the Bloc Québécois. Duncan believes it is time to let the rabble-rousing die down.

While Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach is relieved that Parliament was prorogued, he said he hopes Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be listening carefully to what the premiers say about the economy during a first ministers meeting Jan. 16.

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Word on the street: Do you think the Governor General should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament?

Simon Mason

age 20, Edmonton

A: I think it's right. My biggest concern is if the coalition is going to ... become government, how much attention are they going to pay to the western provinces.



Mary Clarke

age 25, Ottawa

A: Yes. Prorogue is the better option because we don't want to enter into an election right now.



Mike Mauger

age 37, Halifax

A: I didn't vote for the Conservative government, but I am really not happy with the coalition signing with the separatists.



Donna Maxwell

age 52, Halifax

A: I'm disappointed. What else can you say? I'm disappointed. I don't like the dictatorial manner that Harper uses.



Hilary Murfitt

age 31, Vancouver

A: No. This is just an avoidance tactic. They are trying to put everything on hold. If people want change, then people want change.



Eric Kinch

age 21, Calgary

A: I think with the economy right now it was very irresponsible of the government and the Governor General to suspend parliament.



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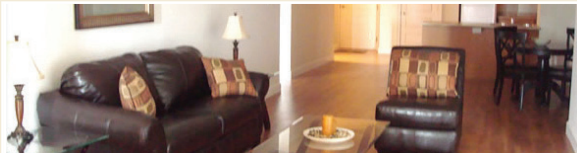
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Grits plot strategy

The decision to prorogue Parliament didn't bring out the white flags of surrender for the Liberal-NDP coalition united to defeat the Conservatives.

But it changed the strategy of battle. The fight moves from a now-shuttered Parliament Hill to the airwaves and Internet as Conservative MPs square off against the Liberal and NDP MPs trying to push them from office.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's successful gambit yesterday to shut down Parliament — thanks to the consent of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean — means

25 The percentage increase of traffic on metronews.ca following the Parliamentary action today — one of the highest days Metro has ever seen for web traffic.

the possible defeat of his government has been delayed from Monday to late January or early February.

Instead of a quick victory over the Conservatives, the NDP, Liberal and Bloc Québécois now face the prospect of a drawn-out public relations campaign over the holidays and early

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winter to win Canadians to their cause before Parliament returns on Jan. 26.

"I think both the coalition and Mr. Harper are going to be working hard on presenting economic ideas to Canadians over the next six to seven weeks," said Liberal MP Bob Rae.

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Winner of the world's

Canadian Joel Charlebois wins \$2,000, one-week trip to Paris

CONTEST Fifty-five thousand entries, 20,000 votes, 120,000 comments over 500,000 visits to the website (metrophotochallenge.com) — and only one

winner. The grand prize of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, goes to Toronto's Joel Charlebois for his eerie snapshot Midnight Tram to Humber,

based on the theme Urban Jungle.

Thousands of photographers from more than 20 countries in which Metro publishes let their inspira-

tions flow in the contest.

The global jury panel chaired by Marco Delogu, Italy's most sought-after portrait photographer, had the difficult task of picking

the final photograph from the final 100 global entries.

As the global winner, Charlebois receives \$2,000 and a one-week trip for two to Paris, where he will

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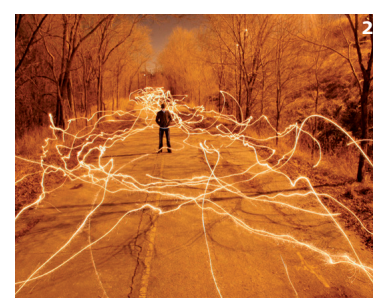
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5. zdenaldvorak, Czech Republic.

Joel: I spent three hours waiting for the shot

Winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, Joel Charlebois, talks about his amazing month and reveals the recipe for a winning photo.

This has been a memorable month for you, hasn't it?

"Firstly, I was unemployed when I entered the competition and now I have a job, which is great.

Then I got to take part in the photo exhibition arranged by Metro. Seeing Midnight Tram to Humber exhibited and being admired by hundreds of people was a fantastic feeling. And this on the night of my 30th birthday! I then won the challenge globally, which is even more amazing."

How was the picture taken?

"A year ago, there had



Joel's passion is film.

been a few foggy nights in Toronto, and every time I would walk home in the

dark, I would wonder what it would be like to capture those eerie moments on camera."

"So one night, I wrapped up warm, took my backpack and little point-and-shoot camera and spent three hours waiting for the perfect shot in the street. I wasn't working at the time, so I could afford to be up in the middle of the night."

How does it feel to be an amateur who has beaten professional photographers?

"It is a thrilling achievement. More so that I won with a photo I shot on a Canon SD500 point-and-shoot and \$20 plastic tripod. It's motivation for anyone with an eye — but not necessarily the fancy tools — to keep shooting."

Has winning the challenge

given you a boost to take photography more seriously?

"It has certainly given me a major boost — as well as an amazing camera to work with (a Nikon D700 as my prize) and not the little point-and-shoot I used previously. I am definitely going to try and use this opportunity to realize my dreams."

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Rise in suicides shocks Saskatchewan officials

Leaders in northern Saskatchewan say they are shocked by a recent series of suicides among young people and are looking for ways to stop the trend. According to officials, there have been five deaths in two communities in the north in the past several weeks. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Tricky Dick back again

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Like most of my generation, born in the mid '60s, I watched that decade and the grinding transition to the '70s over the shoulders of my parents and older siblings.

Their relationship to Richard Nixon — as fervent as the tie they had with Pierre Trudeau, though usually for different reasons — was one we could only witness, though like the Mexican blankets and plastic chairs that they once used to deco-

rate their homes, we inherited it as we moved into our adult lives. I can't help but compare it to the scene in Ang Lee's movie of Rick Moody's novel *The Ice Storm*, set during the Watergate hearings, when Christina Ricci puts on a rubber Nixon mask as she makes out with Elijah Wood. The confusion and trauma on his face is priceless.

The release of Frost/Nixon this weekend marks the peak of yet another cycle in Nixon's posthumous half-life, the ebbing and surging of public fascination with the man, played in Ron Howard's film by Frank Langella as halfway between an impersonation and an interpretation.

Sam Rockwell's portrayal of writer James Reston Jr., one of the team who helped

David Frost with his landmark four-part televised interview with the disgraced president, echoes the betrayal we saw in our parents and especially our older brothers and sisters as they confronted Nixon before, during and after Watergate.

I think my generation has always been more ambivalent, though no less fascinated by Nixon, and the film connects with our image of the "tragic" Nixon when, at the end of their verbal battle, Langella's Nixon tells Frost that his biggest regret is how his betrayal of public trust has made politics irredeemably compromised and corrupt for young people from 1973 on.

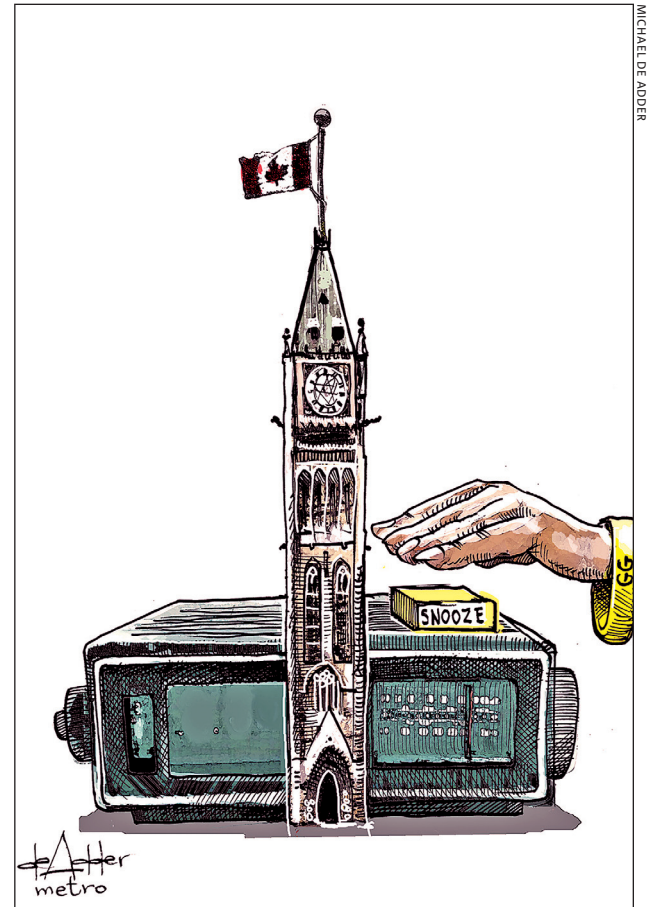
It's a bit disingenuous — there have been devastating political scandals before, and disillusioning young people

is only marginally less difficult than getting them to listen to bad music.

Just as a hyperbolic ululation to transformative change peaks, there's always something like this week's parliamentary crotch-kicking to remind us that getting and holding power is often the only real policy a politician will wholeheartedly embrace.

I don't know if my Nixon is better than the one looming over the political imagination of my older brother and sister, but I know I prefer our Nixon, betrayed by his own ambition and no less human for it, to the bogeyman who taunted my siblings from his ghostly lair in San Clemente.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Views

Forget about Diddy's Vote or Die, think Dartmouth High's voter education

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Imagine Snoop Dogg as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Strange things happen when 16-year-olds vote.

Word on the street is our democracy is in shambles.

At this pace, the voter turnout rate in 2020 will be four people. So some, like the provincial Liberals, are musing about lowering the voting age to 16.

I remember being 16. Some of my peers were genuinely smart and thoughtful people. Others thought you were talking about a farm animal if you mentioned the Dalai Lama (true story).

Most 18-year-olds are very different people than

their 16-year-old selves. So why the rush? I have a 17-year-old brother, and unless the federal election becomes a song on Guitar Hero, I don't trust him with our democracy.

We're so desperate for higher turnouts that P. Diddy actually ran a "Vote or Die" campaign in the 2004 American election. Look at what we've become. We're acting like coke fiends, threatening to have Diddy gun you down

in the street if you don't vote.

Really, we don't need more voters (easy there, Diddy. Let me finish.) What we need are more informed voters. It's better to have a 60 per cent knowledgeable electorate voting than a 100 per cent close-your-eyes-and-mark-an-X turnout.

Take this week's drama in Parliament. There was a lot of ignorance and misinformation swirling around.

Many called a coalition government undemocratic. Not true. It's just obscurely democratic.

Most people just don't know how Parliament works beyond the very basics. So how do we get them more informed? Here's my tip to D250:

Go watch the Model Parliament run every year at Dartmouth High by teacher Don Houle. Over three days, the kids get to skip class to act as MPs, de-

bate a bunch of bills and inevitably legalize marijuana. Now imagine if every student in the province got this hands-on experience. Imagine an entire generation of people who understand how their government works. Then we can talk about voter participation.

Vote or die.

Paul McLeod is a staff reporter at Metro Halifax. He is currently in rehab for being a political junkie. It's going badly.

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Gunmen attacked two oil services vessels in separate incidents in Nigeria's Niger delta yesterday, kidnapping a Russian, a Mexican and seven Nigerians, security sources working in the industry said. The vessel Oceanic Orion was attacked some 13 nautical miles off the coast near a crude oil rig operated by Canada's Addax Petroleum. **REUTERS**

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World



Lack of evidence against Olmert

Israel's chief prosecutor said yesterday there was not enough evidence to charge outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, over his conduct in the sale of an Israeli commercial bank, one of several probes against him. Olmert resigned in September in the face of several corruption investigations, but is serving as caretaker prime minister until a new government is formed after a Feb. 10 election. **REUTERS**

U.S. vows to keep pushing Pakistan

ATTACKS Pakistan must cooperate fully and communicate with India after the Mumbai attacks, the White House said yesterday, vowing to keep the pressure on to ensure that happened.

"Pakistan needs to act with resolve, urgency. They need to cooperate fully and transparently and they need to keep the line of communication open between their country and India," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, on a trip to the region aimed at curbing tension between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, said last week's Mumbai attack that saw 171 people killed by militants showed a level of sophistication unseen in the region and urgent action was needed.

REUTERS

Israel evicts settlers

Israeli police used tear gas and clubs to evict hard-line Jewish settlers from a building in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday, igniting a wave of settler violence across the Palestinian territory.

The lightning operation by hundreds of policemen and soldiers ended in less than an hour.

About 30 settlers suffered light-to-moderate injuries, mostly from smoke inhalation. Three policemen were hurt by settlers, who threw rocks, chemicals and food at them.

Angry Jewish settlers, some armed, responded by setting fire to Palestinian cars and property near the building. Eight Palestinians were hurt, including three from gunshot wounds.

Settler violence quickly spread to other areas of



Israeli police officers evict a Jewish settler from a disputed building in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday. Israeli police used tear gas and clubs to evict dozens of hard-line Jewish settlers after days of stone-throwing clashes with Palestinians. **REUTERS/NOVEN ZVILION**

the Israeli-occupied West Bank with security forces moving to quell the protests. After a few hours of protests in Hebron, at around midnight, local residents reported clashes had largely died down.

Tensions have been especially high in the flash-point city since the Israeli High Court on Nov. 16 ordered settlers to vacate the building they have been occupying since March 2007. **REUTERS**

Police's DNA storage ruled rights violation

EVIDENCE Britain violated the privacy of two people by storing their DNA profiles, Europe's human rights court ruled yesterday, a decision that calls into question rules governing the use of the country's DNA database.

British groups campaigning for individual liberties immediately demanded a change in the law, which the government rejected.

The case centred on a boy who was charged with attempted robbery and later acquitted, and a man

who was charged with harassing his partner before the case was discontinued.

Both applied for their fingerprints and DNA samples to be destroyed, but police kept the information on the basis of a law allowing them to keep it indefinitely.

The 17 judges ruled unanimously that Britain had violated the right to respect for private life. They awarded the two people concerned 42,000 euros in expenses. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ALCOHOL Bars, breweries and beverage companies across the United States plan to mark the 75th anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition today. From

1920 until its repeal in 1933, the 18th Amendment banned the manufacture, sale and distribution of intoxicating liquor nationwide. **REUTERS**

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Norway's StatoilHydro said yesterday it scrapped plans to build a \$16-billion US upgrader for its Alberta oilsands holdings, citing prohibitive costs, weak oil prices, economic turmoil and a lack of "legislative clarity." **REUTERS**

Business

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Business in brief

EARNINGS TD Bank, National Bank and CIBC all reported lower profits yesterday, but the results were either in line with market expectations or with the banks' own warnings in recent weeks. TD blamed trading losses; National reported profit


despite various charges and writedowns; and CIBC said profit fell 51 per cent. "I would categorize today as a no-big-surprise day, which is a good thing in this environment," said Craig Fehr, a financial services analyst at Edward Jones.

HIRING Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc.'s chief financial officer Howard Hochhauser is leaving the company to join The Generations Network, the parent company of genealogy website *Ancestry.com*, in Provo, Utah,

as CFO. Allison Jacques, Martha Stewart's controller, will serve as the company's principal financial officer while it searches for a new CFO, Martha Stewart Living said in a statement released yesterday.

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Bankruptcies soar as economy sinks

The number of personal bankruptcies in Canada soared by more than 20 per cent in October as individuals came under increased pressure from deteriorating economic conditions, according to a report released yesterday.

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada said a total of 9,468 bankruptcies were filed in October by consumers and businesses. That represents a 7.2 per cent increase from September and a 21.1

per cent jump from the same month in 2007.

According to the report, the majority of filings came from individual Canadians, who saw world stock markets plummet during October as the global financial crisis gathered momentum.

The report showed that 8,972 consumers filed for personal bankruptcy, up 22.8 points from 2007, while business bankruptcies totaled 496, down 3.3 per cent from 2007. **REUTERS**

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Luxury Spending not slowing



Models stand next to M.V. Augusta motorcycles during the opening day of the 2008 Luxury Show in Bucharest yesterday. Despite the cash squeeze that has hastened recession globally, organizers still expect a high demand for luxury goods.

Signs show an economic slowdown

ECONOMY Purchasing activity contracted to its lowest level ever last month, while building permits fell sharply in October, two reports showed yesterday, providing the first strong indications of a slower fourth-quarter economy.

The Ivey Purchasing Managers Index fell to 40.2 in November from 52.2 in October, and marked the first time activity had contracted since December 2007. Analysts surveyed by Reuters had expected 50.5.

In another sign of weakening activity in the fourth quarter, the value of Canadian building permits fell by a steeper than expected 15.7 per cent in October, off September's robust 12.5 per cent increase.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Small business owners happy: Despite demanding workloads, high stress levels and worries about the state of the economy, Canada's small business owners are happy and fulfilled and have no regrets about going it alone, an American Express/Ipsos Reid poll finds. Nine in 10 say they "love to get up every day and do what I do" and eight in 10 believe they enjoy a better quality of life since starting their own business.

PHSI adds to its hotel roster: The Holiday Inn Express Airdrie in Calgary North has signed on as the 60th hotel in the international management portfolio of Halifax-based Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc., one of Canada's largest privately-owned hotel management groups.

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Baseball salaries slow

Baseball salaries slowed this year even before the economy cooled. The average salary in Major League Baseball this season was \$2.93 million US, the players' association said yesterday. The 3.6 per cent increase was the smallest since 2004. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Avery decision expected today

The Dallas Stars' Sean Avery, left, spent three hours in a disciplinary hearing with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday in New York over lewd comments made on camera Tuesday. The former Cole Harbour resident is suspended indefinitely and Bettman will determine any further punishment. "I want to take the opportunity to spend a little time thinking about what transpired at the hearing and everything that I was told and that needs to be considered," Bettman said on his weekly radio show. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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NHL RESULT

Canadiens 6 Rangers 2



Maxim Lapierre, Steve Begin and Matt D'Agostini each had a goal and an assist last night as the Montreal Canadiens stayed hot at home with a 6-2 win over the New York Rangers. Georges Laraque and Andrei Markov each had two assists for the Canadiens, while Carey Price faced just 20 shots, stopping 18 of them.

NHL RESULT

Penguins 5 Hurricanes 2



Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby assisted on four of Pittsburgh's five goals as the Penguins defeated Carolina last night to spoil Paul Maurice's second coaching debut with the Hurricanes. Petr Sykora scored twice, while Evgeni Malkin had two helpers for Pittsburgh, which has won three of five. Dany Sabourin saved 34 shots in his first back-to-back starts of the season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Triano gets his turn with Raptors

First Canadian head coach in NBA history takes charge in Toronto

Over five years and countless hours of practice sessions, games and the downtime that marks an NBA season, Chris Bosh has reached a comfort level with Jay Triano.

Nothing should change now that there's been an alteration in Triano's job description.

"I'm comfortable with Jay, he's been in a head coaching position before with the Canadian national team, he's just not in unknown waters right now," Bosh said after a two-hour workout in Utah yesterday morning.

There was no large measure of remorse among the Raptors a day after Sam Mitchell was fired. The NBA can be a tough business, everyone knows, and while players and Mitchell's co-workers are far from blameless on his demise, there was far more looking forward than back. "Me and

Sam were very close but that's a decision that the front office made and we have to move with it," said Bosh. "We all accept it and I'm sure that Sam is moving on just like we are."

Triano, 50, takes over an 8-9 team that some — primarily general manag-

er Bryan Colangelo — thinks should have a better record. A Niagara Falls, Ont., native, Triano gets the job after spending seven seasons on the Raptors bench

working for Lenny Wilkens, Kevin O'Neill and Mitchell.

"I think he's the best guy for the job," said Bosh. "I think everybody knows what they're doing up top (that's) the reason why they put Jay as the interim head coach."

"We all have a comfort level with him, he wants to work hard and he wants to win basketball games just like we do."

"Jay knows the game he's played the game and he's motivating us to just go out

there and read each other and just play basketball."

"Obviously, I'm going to go in having a plan as to how I can maximize having our best players on the floor for the most amount of time but things change."

"If I have in my mind, okay, CB's coming out at the eight minute mark ... if he makes five in a row just prior to the eight minute mark, I'm going to let it go."

"It's a read that you have to make."

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Jay Triano acted as head coach for one game last year – a 109-91 Raptors victory over the Nets.

An NFL sellout that isn't really sold out

A lot of us Canadians, it turns out, aren't suckers. We're not idiots. We're not willing to pay outrageous, absurd prices for an NFL game just because it'll be the first regular-season one on Canadian soil.

Clearly, fans have said no to the NFL's historic tilt at the Rogers Centre on Sunday afternoon and will either be leaving a considerable number of seats empty or paying more reasonable amounts for tickets than the game's organizers initially sought. In fact, visitors to websites such as craigslist.ca or kijiji.ca will find they can purchase tickets at half the original asking prices for



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non-VIP seats, which ranged from \$110 to \$350.

Oh, technically, the game's a sellout. Organizers with the Rogers corporation claimed almost all remaining tickets yesterday, I'm told, thus ensuring a theoretical sellout and eliminating any possibility of a local television blackout of the match between the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins.

But, "If you wait till Sunday morning (to check web sites), I'm sure tickets will be going for even less than half price," said Gus Lambrinakos, co-operator of the Ultimate Touch Football League in Toronto and the owner of season-ticket subscriptions for nine NFL teams. "I mean, you're talking about Buffalo and Miami, not the Super Bowl. People aren't stupid. They (organizers) overestimated the public. They thought they'd be well received but they're getting a rude awakening."

Lambrinakos himself purchased several end-zone tickets for Sunday's game at \$140 each a few months ago but, because of his distaste for the NFL

exhibition game at the Rogers Centre in August, he sold his seats for a slight profit and instead will be in New Jersey Sunday to watch the Philadelphia Eagles visit the New York Giants.

For that game, Lambrinakos paid \$110 U.S. for a seat on the 30-yard line.

• A question about the Raptors' decision to fire Sam Mitchell as coach: WHAT TOOK SO LONG?

Mitchell was a liability.

About Avery

• Controversial NHLer Sean Avery was extremely close to becoming a Maple Leaf before this season, Metro sports columnist Marty York has learned. For details, check out metronews.ca/nhlreport.

Several Raptors couldn't stomach him. He was ornery, arrogant, condescending and confrontational. It's wrong, however, that Raps bossman Bryan Colangelo gets a free pass from many. His team is weak, lacking depth.

• NBA superstar LeBron James isn't a free agent for two years but www.betonline.com already lists the Cleveland Cavaliers as 6-to-5 favourites to re-sign him. The New York Knicks follow the Cavs at 5-to-2. The Raptors, believe it or not, aren't that far behind in The LeBron Sweepstakes — at 15-to-1.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Bernard on a tear

Halifax Mooseheads forward Jessyko Bernard has been climbing the rookie scoring charts lately, and currently sits seventh in the QMJHL among freshmen. He has nine goals and nine assists for 18 points in 29 games. Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy, a P.E.I. Rocket forward, is fifth with 20 points. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Halifax gets Final 8 in '11, '12

But Dal loses out on University Cup to New Brunswick

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Yesterday was a good-news, bad-news kind of day for supporters of university athletics in Nova Scotia.

Canadian Interuniversity Sport officially announced that Atlantic University Sport has won back the annual men's basketball championship in 2011 and 2012, rubber-stamping the only bid it had received for the tournament.

The Final 8 will return to the Metro Centre, where it was held for 24 years before moving to Carleton in March.

Meanwhile, the 2011 and 2012 men's hockey championships went to the University of New Brunswick, which beat out a Dalhousie bid that featured 2,000 pre-sold ticket packages.

"It's not a big surprise," said AUS president Phil Currie of the Final 8 decision. "For Nova Scotia, it's bringing back a traditional event that was here for a very long time."

As the only bidder, the AUS tried to lower the financial guarantee it initial-



Aaron Doornekamp celebrates after leading the Carleton Ravens to a fifth straight Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's basketball championship in 2007 at the Metro Centre.

ly promised but was denied by the CIS.

But at the end of the day, it was, in part, the Final 8 that sank Dalhousie's bid for the University Cup. With the pre-sold ticket packages and the 10,500-seat Metro Centre, Dal felt it had the edge on New Brunswick, which has a 3,700-seat facility and already hosted the event in 2003 and 2004. But the CIS didn't want to overload one

city with too many events at once, risking fan and volunteer fatigue.

"All of the (bid elements) were more or less equal, so (the Final 8) became a tipping point," said CIS chief executive officer Marg McGregor. "It wasn't exclusively the Final 8. It was the Canada Games (being hosted in Nova Scotia in 2011), the AUS Final 6 (basketball) and the CIS Final 8. Taken together, it played a role in

the committee's thinking."

The announcement came as a crushing blow to Dal.

"We thought that with the pre-sale campaign and the success of it, we showed we could support both events, but I guess the CIS didn't see it that way," said Kevin Tobin, who headed Dalhousie's bid committee. "What's disappointing is we were told there's nothing more we could have done."

Yetman hopes to 'find groove' as Herd play 3-in-3

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Mark Yetman's stats have taken a hit this year. In part, it's because of his sluggish early season play. In larger part, it's because of the inexperience that's in front of him.

But the 20-year-old from St. John's, N.L., is feeling better about his game lately, with his Halifax Mooseheads coming off perhaps their best two weeks of the QMJHL season.

"It's been up and down,"



"Even though my stats might not show it, I feel I've been playing pretty well the past few weeks."

Mark Yetman

admitted Yetman, who has a 3.95 goals-against average and an .868 save percentage in 24 starts. "You know, even though my stats might not show it, I feel I've been playing pretty well the past few weeks."

The Mooseheads (9-19-2) are 2-1-1 in their past four games.

This weekend is another big test with three games in three days, starting on the road tonight against the Bathurst Titan. Halifax hosts the Drummondville Voltigeurs on Saturday at 7 p.m. and the Victoriaville Tigres on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Yetman, who faces an average of 30 shots per night, had a more experienced

team in front of him last season when he burst onto the scene in February and was a playoff revelation.

He said he's faced more high-quality scoring chances than he did last season, but agrees he has room to improve.

"Everyone can play better, and as a 20-year-old goalie, you want to be one of the better players every night, especially on an inexperienced team," he said. "It's a tough situation, and I'm going to have to find a groove and keep with it."

Sports in brief

CIS BASKETBALL Canadian Interuniversity Sport chief executive officer Marg McGregor said yesterday in the wake of Halifax winning the 2011 and 2012 Final 8 that several hosts have expressed

an interest in bidding for the Final 8 men's basketball championship in 2013 and beyond. Atlantic University Sport was the only bidder for 2011 and 2012.

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Rainmen drop four local players

The Rainmen cut four local players on tryouts yesterday, letting go Mark Ross, Demar Parsons, Derico Wigginton and Tremel Beals. **METRO HALIFAX**



Halifax Rainmen forwards Rob Sanders, left, and Eric Crookshank have a laugh yesterday during a shootaround at Halifax West High School.

Double trouble

Crookshank, Sanders provide power in paint

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Ever since Eric Crookshank landed in Halifax, he and Rob Sanders have been razzing each other non-stop.

The bookend power forwards — rivals in the American Basketball Association last season — are now teammates with the Halifax Rainmen at training camp this week.

Sanders, who previously starred for the Manchester Millrats, torched Crookshank and the Rainmen on more than one occasion last season. Once, he sank the winning basket at the buzzer on a free throw after Crookshank fouled him.

"It wasn't really a foul," said Crookshank, grinning.

"He fouled me," Sanders argued, with a laugh. "He says to this day he didn't foul me, but I made both

"Now, they're finally on the same team and it's going to be an exciting year."

Andre Levingston

foul shots at the buzzer and we won. But yeah, it was definitely a foul."

Crookshank had his moments against Sanders, too, averaging more than 20 points per game against the Millrats.

"Today when I was putting on my jersey, I asked him, 'Do you remember Rainmen No. 20?' Because every time I played him, I gave him like 25 (points)," Crookshank joked.

All kidding aside, both are thrilled to be on the same team. Crookshank, 6-foot-8, and Sanders, 6-foot-7, give the Rainmen two athletic former ABA all-stars who can contribute

20 points and 10 rebounds on a nightly basis.

"Rob can put it on the floor and get his own shot, Crookshank can post up and get everything that comes off the rim," Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said. "Now, they're finally on the same team and it's going to be an exciting year."

Levingston added that Sanders is being pushed harder physically with the Rainmen than he has in the past, but said "once he buys in, he's going to be even better than last year."

Crookshank rolled into town with Air Canada tattooed on his forearms, one word on each arm. He's actually from Oakland, Calif., but took on the nickname à la Vince Carter on the And1 Mixed Tape tour in the summer.

"It's a good name," Crookshank said. "I fly a lot, and when I go up, I take passengers with me."

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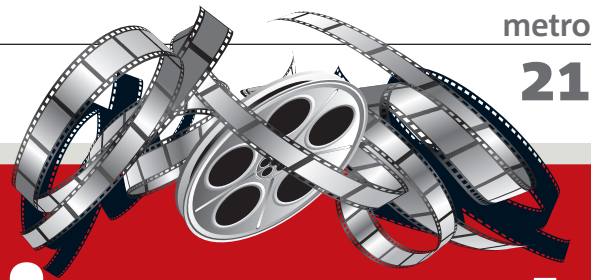
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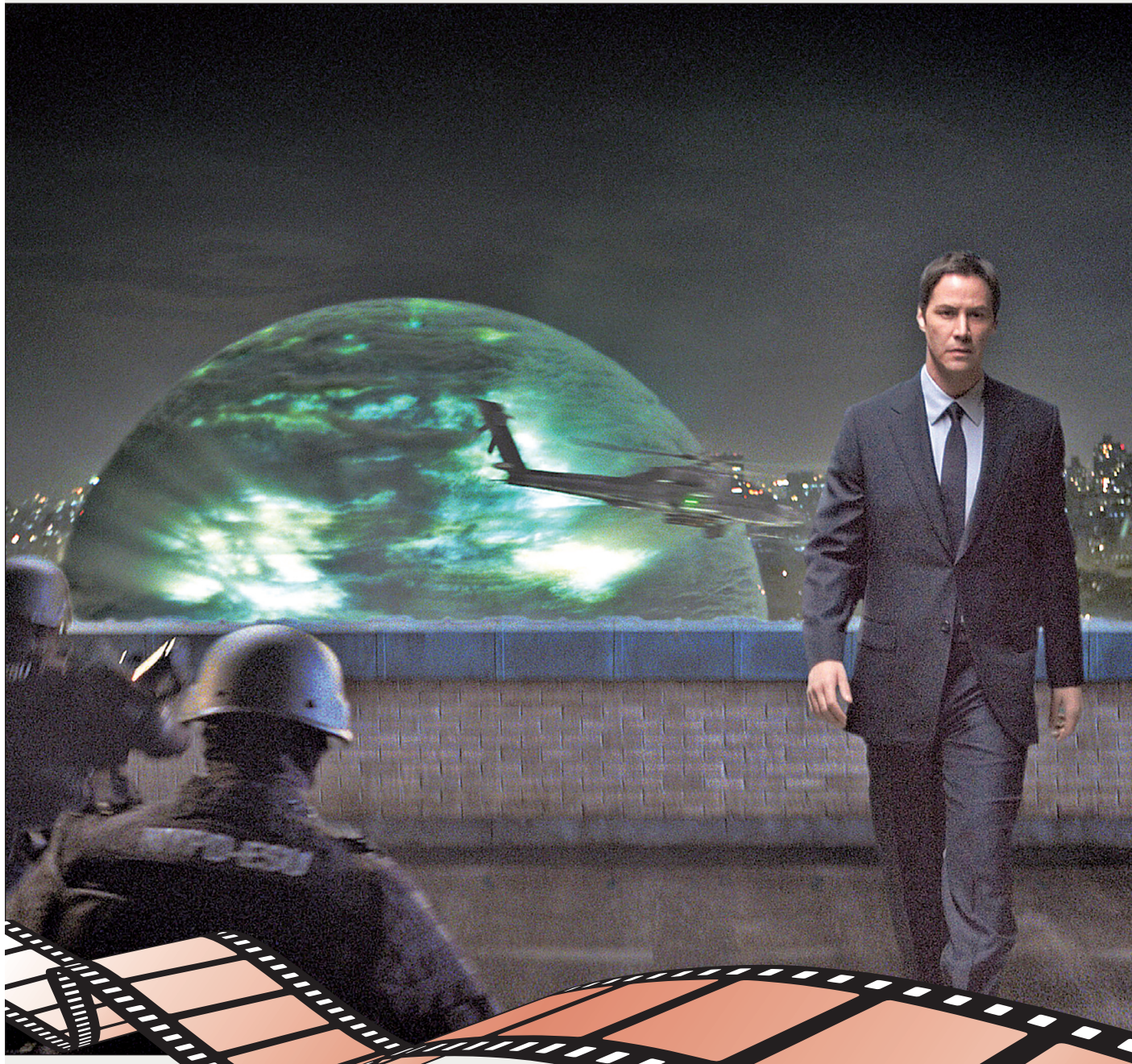
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Keanu makes the earth stand still

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News



Keanu Reeves has an incredible presence, inviting, sophisticated and sure of himself. The actor stars as the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the reworking of Robert Wise's 1951 masterpiece, The Day The Earth Stood Still — in theatres next Friday.

Looking elegant in the equally chic surroundings of the Ritz, Keanu Reeves tells us more.

Q Congratulations, you manage to come across as a scary alien without any overacting or weird physical traits.

A Thank you. It was scary to play an alien because it has to be believable. So I'm glad that you went along with the story. I approached it like any other role. I was trying to figure out what did the

Movie interview

alien want, who was it, how does it exist. And I just came up with ideas for that and tried to play the role.

Q Did you watch the original?

A Yeah, sure. But this version of the film, and specifically Klaatu, the character that I play, is very different ... In the original, the alien comes to Earth and, in a way, he's more human than humans. He has a very soft, personable, friendly disposition, and in my interpretation — or in terms of this story's interpretation, that's not the case. He's much more objective and distant and perhaps a little more cold.

Q Both the original and this remake carry strong messages for humankind.



Keanu Reeves plays the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the sci-fi film The Day The Earth Stood Still.

A The original was more about violence and the expansion of violence. The alien came and said, "If you continue with this violent path, we will be more vio-

lent than you." So there was kind of a threat there. If that's violence, I don't know. In this film, I guess it's ecology. I guess the human character. The film says we are at a crossroads

with our planet. We, as a human species, are having such an adverse impact on the planet that either we're going to die or the planet's going to die. And if the Earth dies, we die. But if you die, the Earth survives. My character is here to make a judgment on the human species and comes to learn and believe that at this crossroads, at this tipping point, human beings can change, that we will be able to survive ourselves and hopefully some other species on the planet.

Q Do you think there's a political message, especially when Kathy Bates' character says, "You don't talk to the U.N. You talk to us"?

A Yeah, it's a multi-layered film and I think part of it is the representation in the beginning that America is aggressive, and when it's confronted by something unknown reacts aggressively. The story we

tell is that maybe that's not the best way to be.

Q Does it resonate with what's happening today?

A Yeah. It's an issue that people are thinking about ... hopefully the film will be part of the solution.

Q Do you think that movies and art in general can help people change or raise awareness?

A Yeah, I hope so. I think it's part of a dialogue. I think it's on a lot of people's minds ... the impact that humans are having on the planet.

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Swank to be a resident

Hilary Swank has signed on to play The Resident in a new film from Finnish director Antti Jokinen and the newly revitalised Hammer Films. **IMDB.COM**

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A fireball, but no aliens in the Prairies**InFocus****Richard Crouse**

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Recently a giant meteor lit up the Canadian prairie sky. "It was really bright. We weren't really sure what happened ... got up to look out the window, and all of a sudden, we heard this rumbling," said one witness.

If this happened in a movie a nerdy lab-coated scientist would say something like, "No telling what kind of meteor it is or what goes on inside of it ... it's been gathering the secrets of time and space for billions of years," before giant bugs or aliens hatch from the mysterious rock, bringing intergalactic mayhem with them.

Next week a massive fireball will bring Keanu Reeves crashing to earth in The Day the Earth Stood

Still, a remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic. In it he plays Klaatu, an ambassador from an extraterrestrial confederation who arrives with a simple message for the people of the third rock from the sun, "If the Earth dies, you die. If you die, the Earth survives."

All in all fireballs are usually bad news.

Remember Cloverfield? After a burst of light from the sky illuminated lower Manhattan a colossal creature resembling a giant sweaty salamander with the mumps laid waste to the city.

In The Day of the Triffids meteors do double dastardly duty. First a colorful meteor shower attracts worldwide attention, but the light from the shower renders most of Earth's population blind. Next spores from the meteors turn into plant-like space aliens. That development leads to my favorite ever line in a meteor movie.

"Keep behind me," says hero Tony Goodwin. "There's no sense in getting killed by a plant."

Movie meteors aren't always bad, however. Robert Townsend wrote, directed and starred in Meteor Man about a meek Washington, D.C., teacher who develops superpowers after being hit by a glowing green meteor. Using his newly found abilities he cleans up the streets after a drug lord moves into his neighbourhood.

So far there haven't been any reports from the prairies of alien spores, super human behaviour or giant beasts terrorizing Brandon, Man., but if movie science is to be believed, anything is possible.

According to Paul Frees in The Monolith Monsters you never know when the meteor will make itself known. "Meteors!" he says. "Another strange calling card from the limitless regions of space — its substance unknown, its secrets unexplored. The meteor lies dormant in the night — waiting!"

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.

Synecdoche, New York gets lost**Synecdoche, New York**

Director: Charlie Kaufman
Stars: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●½

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada



Philip Seymour Hoffman stars in Synecdoche, New York.

REVIEW In Synecdoche, New York, screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind), whose specialty is abstract absurdism, makes his directing debut trying to blur the line between art and life.

He blurs more than he clarifies, but the picture is still a fascinating failure. Playwright Caden Cotard (Philip Seymour Hoffman) works for a regional theatre company in Schenectady, N.Y.

Meanwhile, his marriage to Adele (Catherine Keener) is falling apart — simultaneous to his production of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman.

In response to the heat-

ed crisis on the home front, Cotard mounts an epic theatrical construct — a synecdoche of his life — where every character and place he conceives symbolizes his entire being.

For about the first half-hour, Kaufman is able to comically capture the psychological crackup of those obsessed artists who fear that if their art isn't going smoothly, then their life must also be heading for the gutter.

But when Caden attempts to resolve his neurosis through this burgeoning dramatic construct — where city blocks

seem to contain every facet of his life — Kaufman's idea quickly runs out of steam.

Initially the performers, Hoffman, Keener, Sadie Goldstein (as their precocious daughter, Olive), and Samantha Morton (as one of his lovers) help anchor the story by illuminating how life's follies can't be so easily controlled, or resolved.

But Kaufman becomes self-congratulatory about his conceit and ultimately we get lost in the narrative labyrinth.

Synecdoche, New York inevitably swallows its own tail.

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Australia



REVIEW Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has “a strange power.” What director Baz Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess. Set during the outbreak of World War II, Australia features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, the widow of a mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner. When confronted by her husband's rival with a takeover bid, Ashley hires a maverick stockman (Hugh Jackman) and joins him on a massive cattle drive across the outback.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Bolt



REVIEW Essentially, this tale about the unyielding loyalty of canines is as charming and heart-tugging as any Disney movie out there. Even better, the film excels in skill, depth and maturity equaling that of Wall-E and Ratatouille. Not really surprising since

Pixar's brilliant chief John Lasseter is now running Disney's animation department as well.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Four Christmases



REVIEW Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during the holidays. After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, the couple embark on their dreaded four Christmases. Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Quantum of Solace



REVIEW The movie starts minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, ended, with a pre-credit car chase that sums up director Marc Forster's brisk approach to the story. Action scenes are

the meat of Bond movies. Most of what we see in Quantum of Solace is at least as good as the standards set in previous films; relentless, and more than a bit improbable. Daniel Craig's James Bond is still an excellent incarnation of the character.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Twilight



REVIEW Kristin Stewart stars as Bella, a young girl who moves to a small town and becomes instantly captivated by a classmate named Edward who is part of a very peculiar and insular family known as the Cullens. As Bella becomes more attracted to Edward, she discovers that the Cullens are a clan of vampires ... but very safe emo-vampires who only drink animal blood and spend most of their time silently emoting and looking pretty rather than preying on helpless victims. Thus begins an epic tale of forbidden love that has made the hearts of millions of teenage girls swoon.

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Raising a glass to Milk

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Movie feature

Beyond being an impressive piece of storytelling, Gus Van Sant's Milk is an important film because it dramatizes the life of the one of the most underappreciated political figures of the 1970s.

Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to political office in America, breaking what seemed like an insurmountable barrier.

“Harvey's contribution in the gay movement was enormous,” said Vancouver's Tim Stevenson, who holds the dual honour of being Canada's first openly gay provincial cabinet minister and an ordained minister.

“He was way ahead of his time,” said the former B.C. minister of employment and investment. “He led the way for many other politicians who I think at that time didn't consider it a possibility to be openly gay and elected.”

Stevenson has been involved with the gay liberation movement for more than 30 years and is quick to acknowledge that, “Har-

vvey was one of my main influences.

“When I started in the '70s it didn't look even remotely possible that I could be ordained in a church, let alone become a politician, let alone become a cabinet minister. We didn't even think of that. We're at a place now where you can basically achieve what you want to achieve.”

But like many political figures in the gay community, Stevenson is worried that younger generations don't appreciate the sacrifices and achievements of trailblazers like Harvey Milk, who helped create the current political climate of tolerance.

“He really is a martyr for the liberation movement. That's why I'm particularly pleased to see a movie like this coming out because it

On the web

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Sean Penn stars as Harvey Milk.

will help people remember. I think it's essential that gay, lesbian, and transgender people know our history and understand how we got to where we are.

“It didn't happen without a lot of pain, a lot of suffering and death. We forget our own history to our peril.”

Stevenson isn't the only person who feels this way. In fact, it was the primary motivation of many of the people involved in making Milk — like screenwriter Dustin Lance Black.

“The movie will be helpful for the gay community as an education piece,” Black said, “I think it will also be really helpful for the gay leadership to see how it's done.”

Milk makes its way into city theatres next Friday.

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Office scores touchdown

NBC series tackles coveted post-Super Bowl spot next year

NBC's hit comedy *The Office* will get the coveted post-Super Bowl spot next year, while the new drama *Kings* will take over for *ER* on Thursday nights after the long-running medical drama airs its series finale.

The post-Bowl position is considered the most valuable piece of programming real estate on television, exposing a series to tens of millions of viewers. NBC will air a special one-hour episode of its Emmy-winning comedy after the game concludes Feb. 1.

"The Office is a perfect fit for after the Super Bowl," NBC scheduling chief Mitch Metcalf said. "It's going to be a hilariously funny hour, and I think people will be in the mood to laugh after the big game."

With NBC's ratings severely depressed this fall, the Super Bowl telecast presents a valuable opportunity to bring viewers back to the network. NBC had

Steve Carell portrays Michael Scott on *The Office*.

the choice of several options for the post-Bowl spot, including launching *Kings*, relaunching the new vol-

ume of *Heroes* or premiering the new edition of *Celebrity Apprentice*. "You just don't want

something that's too heavy, and some of the best performances after the Super Bowl have been comedies," Metcalf said. "This could bring a whole new audience to the show."

The decision was part of a flurry of NBC scheduling announcements made Wednesday, including an early season-finale date for *Knight Rider*. The action drama will conclude Feb. 25, with the show halting production after 17 episodes. The network has said it plans to overhaul the show, with format changes still to air in the coming weeks, but the episode cut-back suggests there is little expectation that a revamp will reverse the Wednesday night drama's ratings decline.

NBC also said it will expand *Apprentice* to two hours, with episodes airing Sunday nights beginning March 1 at 9 p.m.

REUTERS

Trailer Park Boys say bye with final special

Ricky Gervais: Out of England

Air date: Saturday

Network: HBO Canada

Office creator

Ricky Gervais does his stand-up act in this special taped at Madison Square Garden, with a heavy dose of his solipsistic humour.



Ricky Gervais

So You Think You Can Dance Canada

Air date: Sunday

Network: CTV

I've been a bit chilly on the show since Arrasay was voted out, but the finale of the hit dance competition will have us all wondering: Why does this feel so much more democratic than actually voting

Rick's TV Picks

in elections in this country?

Trailer Park Boys

Air date: Sunday

Network: Showcase

Dartmouth's favourite sons say goodbye to the small screen with *Say Goodnight To The Bad Guys*, the show's final special before the movie that will presumably wrap up this celebration of all things underclass in Maritime Canada.



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Duo axed from Knight Rider remake

Sydney Tamila Poitier and Bruce Davison have been axed from the Knight Rider remake in an effort to keep costs down on the show. The pair completed the first 13 episodes of the TV series but they won't be back, according to U.S. tabloid the Globe. **IMDB.COM**

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Sarah Palin ticks off the mighty O

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NO ONE SAYS NO TO OPRAH: She's taking her show to Washington D.C. for Barack Obama's inauguration, but Oprah Winfrey is apparently perplexed, even annoyed, that former Republican vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin hasn't appeared on the couch that Tom Cruise once pummelled.

"I said I would be happy to talk to Sarah Palin when the election was over," Oprah complained to Extra.

"I went and tried to talk to Sarah Palin and instead she talked to Greta Van Susteren. She talked to Matt Lauer. She talked to Larry King, but she didn't talk to me. But maybe she'll talk to me now that she has a book deal."

To which you can add —

hell, Palin even did a spot on Saturday Night Live at the height of Tina Fey's ongoing Palin party trick, and was probably willing to do Spring Break in Orlando. Hell, I hear she's even penciling in a visit to my place to teach me how to do polar bear in the slow cooker, which will probably happen before she does Oprah's show.

IT'S SORT OF LIKE PIZZA THAT ORDERS ITSELF: Mad Men star Jon Hamm will apparently be doing a trio of appearances on 30 Rock, playing a doctor neighbour of Tina Fey's Liz Lemon who becomes Lemon's

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"I said I would be happy to talk to Sarah Palin when the election was over ... Maybe she'll talk to me now that she has a book deal."

Oprah Winfrey

new love interest.

"I just finished a couple of episodes, and I'll go back in the new year and do another one of those," Hamm told the Associated Press. "And then we'll see what happens."

When those shows air, you'll be able to drive cat-

tle through the streets of New York's Upper West Side and stage Burning Man on the streets of Toronto's Annex without anyone noticing. The rest of both countries will be shrugging and going, "30 what? Jon who?" but residents of all the regions

thick with New Yorker subscriptions will be turning off the phone and letting their Thai takeout go cold.

IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY: In the New York Daily News, columnist David Hinckley surveys the season's offerings of dusty chestnuts and lacklustre new efforts, and wonders why Love, Actually, 2003's Brit Christmas remake of Schnitzler's La Ronde, isn't a holiday staple.

"For all the mediocre

programs that TV dusts off each year in hopes that we'll associate them with the holidays," Hinckley writes, "you'd think there would be more room for one that's funny, clever, droll, full of upbeat music and sends you away smiling."

I'll tell you why, David: It's because it blows. Big time. That is all.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)		NUMB3RS "Robin Hood"	NUMB3RS (N)	
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	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Fox First	
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	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	World Cup of Poker	WWE SmackDown!			Score Tonight		
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	Madden Nation	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Boston Celtics. (HDTV) (Live)				

Music

Band of the decade?

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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By my reckoning, there are 391 days until the end of the first decade of the 21st century and we still haven't managed to come up with a proper name for it. The Zeroes? The Aughts? The O's? The Zips? You'd think we'd have figured it out by now. If it's any consolation, though, Gregorian calendar types faced the same issue between 1900 and 1909. (Personally, I blame Stanley Kubrick for some of the confusion. Life might be much different if he had called his 1968 movie "Twenty-oh-one: A Space Odyssey")

And with 391 days left,

you'd figure that we might have come up with a Band of the Decade. After all, the 60s were all about the Beatles and the Stones. In the 70s, it was Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and the Eagles. The 80s gave us U2 and Springsteen while the 90s remains all about grunge: Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden.

But those were the days when we didn't have the kind of access to music that we have today. With all of us being able to get whatever song we want, wherever we are and whenever we want it, mass consensus has broken down to the point where we're all individual islands of musical taste. When was the last time we had a new release that sold by the tens of millions? In the Olden Days, that happened all the time. Today, not so much.

So back to my original question: which artist/band will history make synonymous with



Could Coldplay be the band of the decade?

this decade? I put this question to the masses through Yahoo! Canada Answers over the last week and I received hun-

dreds of responses. And there was a fair amount of agreement.

A lot of people made a good argument for Coldplay. After all, they emerged at the turn of the century and have sold somewhere around 30 million records. Chris Martin is a photogenic frontman with a Hollywood wife and two bizarrely-named kids. And he and the rest of the band are committed to a variety of social and humanitarian causes.

Others suggestions included the White Stripes ("They made being indie cool for the mainstream!"), Nickelback ("Dude, say what you want, but they sold a lot of albums.") and the Killers ("Even my mom likes them!").

What do you think? Drop me a line and we'll revisit this sometime in the next 391 days.

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Lil Wayne and Coldplay net most Grammy nods

AWARDS Rapper Lil Wayne, whose new album was the biggest seller of the year, led the field of Grammy contenders, while rock bands Coldplay and Radiohead led a British invasion of the music industry's top honors.

Lil Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter, scored eight nominations, while Coldplay followed with seven. Three acts were each nominated for six — rappers Kanye West and Jay-Z, and R&B singer Ne-Yo.

Lil Wayne, Coldplay, Ne-Yo and Radiohead will compete for the coveted album of the year Grammy. The fifth spot went to

a an acclaimed transatlantic collaboration between former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant and bluegrass queen Alison Krauss.

In the record of the year race, Coldplay was joined by compatriots Leona Lewis and M.I.A., as well as Plant & Krauss. Adele and Coldplay were also nominated for song of the year — a songwriter's award.

Radiohead, who already have two Grammy wins, received five nominations this time, as did Plant & Krauss.

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For more on this year's Grammy nods, go to metronews.ca

Metro recommends

- **THE FIREMAN, ELECTRIC ARGUMENTS:** Paul McCartney meshes the psychedelic and whimsical for an engaging new sound.
- **KANYE WEST, 808S & HEARTBREAK:** Busted-computer beats help Kanye sort through heartache.
- **GUNS N' ROSES, CHINESE DEMOCRACY:** Axl creates an intricate pop-metal landscape.

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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Poker Face
2. Lady Gaga
3. Hot N Cold
4. Katy Perry
5. Single Ladies
6. Beyoncé
7. Womanizer
8. Britney Spears
9. Let It Rock
10. Kevin Rudolf And Lil Wayne

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Going Out

Metro's **7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Alba in calendar

Actress Jessica Alba flaunts her post-baby body in Campari's glamorous 2009 calendar.

2 So You Think You Can Dance

With just four dancers left, Canada will be watching this weekend to see who wins.

3 Christmas specials

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially on your television set. Classic holiday movies, and Christmas cartoon specials will air on North American networks this week.

4 Britney back in business

Britney Spears has released her much-anticipated album, *Circus*, after live performances in Europe and the United States. The pop star also announced plans for a 2009 tour with the Pussycat Dolls.

5 Tophats

Madonna, Heidi Klum and Britney Spears have all sported a dapper top hat as part their recent ensembles. This dramatic look is best suited to an over-the-top holiday affair.

7 Christian Siriano for Payless

Payless is going to get a little fiercer with Project Runway winner Christian Siriano designing an exclusive footwear and handbag collection for the discount shoe, available fall 2009.

6 Homemade holiday goodies

Cookies, preserves, and truffles are all great gifts. Get together with friends and whip up some yummy treats.

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY



Maynard's CD release

Fri., 10:30 p.m.
Gus' Pub

The Maynard's will be releasing their new album, *Date and Destroy* at Gus's Pub. The trio that brought you *Break Out The Make Out* will be joined by Stolen Minks, Soaking up Jagged and Albertasaurus.



JazzEast fundraiser for Music Education

Sat., 7 p.m.
Casino Nova Scotia

JazzEast will be holding a Gala Fundraiser on Saturday at the Schooner Room in Casino Nova Scotia. The event will include dinner, a silent auction and the best part? Music will be provided by Gypsophillia. \$125



Kelzmorim to play the Seahorse

Fri., 11 p.m.
Seahorse Tavern

The Halifax Kelzmorim will be playing at the Seahorse Tavern. The dynamic sextet describes itself as "Klezmer-Gypsy-Balkan-Groovy-Dance." Check it out. Tickets are \$8 at the door.



White Christmas screening

Sun., 1 p.m.
Oxford Theatre

There will be a showing of *White Christmas* at the Oxford Theater as a fundraiser for FEED Nova Scotia. This holiday classic features Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera Lynn. Pay what you can.



Picnicface comedy run at Yuk Yuks

Tuesdays starting Dec. 9,
8:30 p.m.
Yuk Yuks

Comedy Troup Picnicface, the people who brought you YouTube classics like *Powerthirst*, will be starting a weekly night of stand-up and improv comedy at Yuk Yuks at the Westin Nova Scotia.



Holiday theatre: Dear Santa

Dec. 10-28, 2:30 p.m.,
7:30 p.m.
Alderney Landing Theatre

Eastern Front Theatre presents *Dear Santa*. This family friendly show promises to be a good laugh. Tickets can be picked up at the Alderney Landing box office.



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Wife behind the chef

Tana Ramsay keeps husband Gordon in check at home

Tana Ramsay and I have one thing in common: We have both cooked for her husband. That would be Gordon Ramsay, the British celebrity chef.

I burned his toast. She giggles and admits she has done the same.

She has had much more opportunity, mind you. Af-

ter all, while Gordon Ramsay is off filming his myriad television shows and maintaining his Michelin stars (12 and counting), Tana, 34, mans the stove at home. She even cooks Saturday dinner, the one meal that all four children and her husband try not to miss.

During the week, Ramsay will cook "one-pot" meals like those featured in her new cookbook, *Home Made* (\$39.95 HarperCollins), such as Lemon Chicken Stew and a South African dish called Bobotie, which she describes as a lighter version of shepherd's pie.

She also wears the pants, admitting she's the disciplinarian and Gordon, 42, is the good guy. When she phoned home yesterday morning, dad had allowed two of the kids to sleep in their bed, an obvious no-no.

When mummy is home, the rules for Megan, 10, twins Jack and Holly, 8, and Matilda, 6, are strict: No TV from Monday to Friday, homework done as soon as they are home from school, clothes and school supplies laid out the night before and no dessert — only fruit — on weekdays.

Table manners are paramount, and the soft-spoken Ramsay recites them the way only a mother who has said them out loud 100 times or more can: "No leaving the table while other people are eating; use utensils, not fingers; sit up straight," she says.

Speaking of manners, Gordon does not swear



Tana Ramsay admits she is the disciplinarian and Gordon is the good guy at home.

when he is home. The children have no idea their father's alter ego is a foul-mouthed bully who can reduce a chef trainee to tears, since they've never seen *The F Word*, or *Hell's*

Kitchen or *Kitchen Nightmares*.

"When they're old enough, we'll deal with it then," she says matter-of-factly.

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Baywatch baby

Former Baywatch star Gena Lee Nolin and her husband, NHL hockey player Cale Hulse, have welcomed a girl, Stella Monroe Hulse. She was born Wednesday in Scottsdale, Ariz. **PEOPLE.COM**

**Celebrity Buzz****Getty regrets actions over Miller**

RELATIONSHIPS Actor Balt-hazar Getty regrets not standing up for girlfriend Sienna Miller and his wife Rosetta when the media took aim at them over his alleged infidelities, imdb.com reports.

Getty feels both women were treated unfairly by the tabloids when news of his romance with Miller first surfaced earlier this year, and now he wishes he had done something to protect the ladies in his life.

"There comes a time when it just gets a little bit too hurtful. It takes two to tango, man. You can't just point your finger at one

person. Historically, women always get the short end of the stick," he tells America's TV Guide magazine.

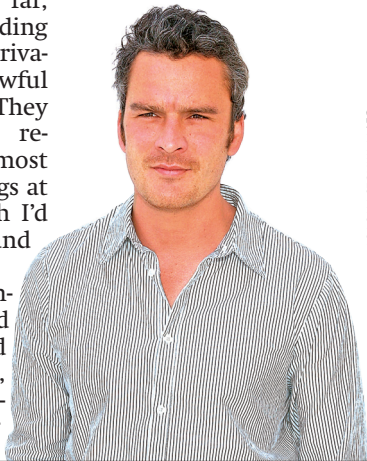
"People went too far, whether it was invading Rosetta and the kids' privacy or saying really awful things about Sienna. They (photographers and reporters) yelled the most awful, disturbing things at her. Sometimes I wish I'd just stepped forward and said, 'Enough!'"

Getty refused to confirm reports he and Miller have reconciled after a brief split, adding, "I can't comment on what's going

on there. I just can't."

He adds that both Miller and his wife are "both special people in my life."

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Dunst back on dating scene?

RELATIONSHIPS Kirsten Dunst is back on the dating scene after breaking up with Justin Long — the actress is reportedly romancing filmmaker Jacob Soboroff, imdb.com reports.

Dunst is working with Soboroff on a documentary about voting, and the two have become more than close friends, according to reports.

"Yes, they're dating," a source tells Life + Style magazine.

The new couple was spotted shopping together at an art store last week.

Dunst previously dated Jake Gyllenhaal and reportedly romanced Orlando Bloom.

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**Simpson loves self-help books**

PEOPLE Jessica Simpson confesses to Marie Claire in its January issue that despite a steady relationship and a new album, she still thinks she could use some self-improvement, People.com reports.

"I am the first person to go to Barnes & Noble and buy the new self-help book," Simpson, 28, tells. "I like to fill out the surveys, then I get my friends' opinions on how I answered to see if I was being honest with myself or not."

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**Union doomed: Heidi's mom**

RELATIONSHIPS Heidi Montag's mother has wrecked her daughter's new wedding bliss by predicting her marriage to Spencer Pratt will last just six months, imdb.com reports.

Darlene Egelhoff is fuming after The Hills stars eloped to Mexico to marry in secret on Nov. 24, and she is accusing 25-year-old Pratt of controlling her daughter and forcing her to sideline her own family.

"(When I heard they had married) I was

devastated. I've spent many hours crying and depressed," Egelhoff tells Us magazine. "I've been completely cut out because of Spencer. I didn't get to shop for a dress and be involved."

She's too young to get married, and Spencer has cut everyone out of her life ... I want the best for my daughter — and he's definitely not it."

And she delivers a damning verdict on the future of the union: "I'm confident the marriage won't work out. I give it six months."

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**Tyra prefers blind dates to stars**

RELATIONSHIPS Supermodel-turned-talk-show host Tyra Banks avoids romance with fellow celebrities, instead choosing to meet potential boyfriends through blind dates, imdb.com reports.

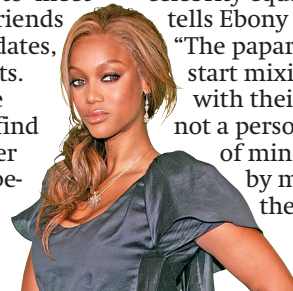
She insists she isn't looking to find love with another famous person because the media attention would be too much to

handle.

"I try not to date people who are famous because one celebrity plus another celebrity equals five," she tells Ebony magazine.

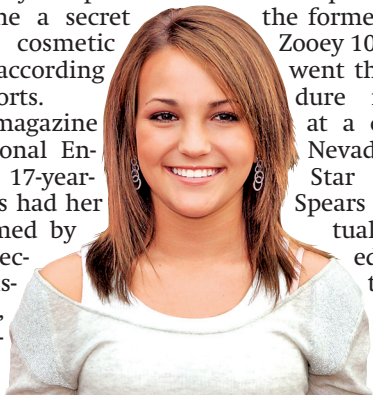
"The paparazzi will just start mixing my name with theirs ... But it's not a personal interest of mine, I get set up by my friends. It's the hook up!"

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**Jamie Lynn underwent secret procedure?**

BEAUTY Jamie Lynn Spears has undergone a secret fat-reducing cosmetic procedure, according to tabloid reports.

Both Star magazine and the National Enquirer allege 17-year-old Spears has had her tummy trimmed by soy-based injections that dissolve fat, imdb.com reports.



The Enquirer claims the former star of Zoey 101 underwent the procedure recently, at a clinic in Nevada; but Star claims Spears was actually treated in October 2007, shortly before

she discovered she was pregnant with her daughter Maddie.

"Her mom, Lynne, approved the injections and went through tons of red tape to get the clinic to administer them to an underage patient. She had no idea she was pregnant," a source tells Star.

A representative for Spears has refused to comment on the reports.

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Ripa pans divorce rumours

RELATIONSHIPS TV personality Kelly Ripa has brushed off reports she's splitting from her husband of 12 years, actor Mark Consuelos, imdb.com reports.

Tabloids suggested Ripa walked out on Consue-

los over his alleged involvement with "other women."

But Ripa has hit back at allegations made by The National Enquirer this week.

"The Enquirer runs the story on a regular basis. There is no truth. They make this stuff up," a spokesperson for Ripa tells usmagazine.com

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**Heche ecstatic about expecting**

BABY Anne Heche and her partner James Tupper are expecting their first child together, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress is said to be extremely excited about the pregnancy. "They are both thrilled!" Heche's representative reportedly said.

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**No excuse for DUI, Osment says**

REGRET Former child star Haley Joel Osment quit alcohol at the age of 18, after he was punished for driving drunk in Hollywood in 2006, imdb.com reports.

The incident shamed the actor, who had to pay a fine and adhere to probation, as well as a mandatory rehab stint and Alcoholics Anonymous course. Osment vowed to stop drinking completely until he turns 21.

As his 21st birthday approaches, he says his actions were "ex-

tremely irresponsible. There's no excuse for that," he says. "I learned my lesson. I made a bad decision, and it's something you can't run from."

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

- 1 Cried like a crow
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12 Open-mouthed
13 Microbrewery product
14 Ostrich's kin
15 Gondolier, typically
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21 Long March leader
23 Copper head?
24 Thing of value
25 Heidi's home
27 Some exams
29 Grated
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56 Golfer Ernie
57 Fashion

Crossword down

- 1 Upper limit
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30 Tokyo, once
32 Midsize kangaroo
33 Prior night
34 Wine option
36 Pays out
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min	Genius	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	Scholar	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Pork Tenderloin with Honey-Mustard Sauce

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh rosemary or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest
 - 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
 - 1 pork tenderloin (about 1 lb/500 g), trimmed
 - 1/3 cup (75 mL) fresh lemon juice
 - 1/4 cup (50 mL) honey
 - 3 tbsp (45 mL) coarse Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 cup (125 mL) 10% cream
 - 1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line small roasting pan with foil. Combine rosemary, garlic, lemon zest and salt in small bowl and rub evenly over pork tenderloin; transfer pork to pan. Mix lemon juice, honey and mustard in small bowl. Transfer half to small saucepan and set aside.

2. Brush pork with 2 tbsp (25 mL) honey-mustard sauce. Roast pork until glazed and golden brown or until instant-read thermometer reads 160°F (71°C), about 25 minutes, basting 2 or 3 times with remaining sauce.

3. Meanwhile, put cream in small bowl and whisk in flour until smooth. Warm reserved honey-mustard sauce in small saucepan over low heat. Gradually whisk in cream mixture and cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Serve with pork.

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Horoscopes

- ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Don't run away from an intense situation if in doubt. An adversary wants to learn your tricks. Incompetence raises some second thoughts.
- LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Something marvelous will happen. A magical awakening takes place. Something you say convinces a friend to stay behind.
- TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Desperate measures are taken by new people. Search for thrills with a reckless buddy. Friends will gather behind the scenes.
- SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22

It's too late to think the best of a buddy. A moving tribute is made to a generous act. Check out a proposed business venture.
- GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21

There are too many options to choose from. Adventures are caused by trying to get somewhere. An obsession with something could get sticky.
- SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21

Monitor all conversations with a bureaucrat. A mystifying friend gives a heart-felt speech. Something begins to make sense.
- CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Pay attention to the direction of a vehicle. Someone isn't sure of the consequences. Be silent when an old argument resurfaces.
- CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20

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- LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23

Someone will be a poor loser. You'll want to quit an unhappy situation. A little guy will back off.
- AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18

You have to set a good example. Easy friendship comes from setting boundaries. Pay attention to loved ones.
- VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22

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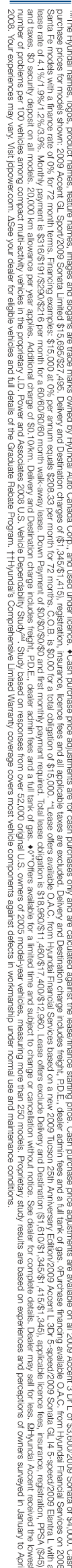
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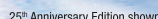
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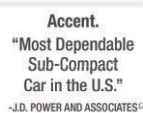
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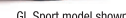
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